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CASE" PROPOSAL

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1. D/SYG PANSAs WELCOMED WASHINGTON'S IDEA (REF B) OF A
POSSIBLE "TEST CASE" APPROACH TO OPERATIONAL ISSUES IN THE
GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS WHEN CHARGE DISCUSSED POSSIBLE
NEXT STEPS WITH HIM ON JULY 28, FOLLOWING PANSAs RETURN
FROM LEAVE. PANSAs APPARENTLY FEELS HE CANNOT PUSH A BROADER
APPROACH TO OPERATIONAL ISSUES VERY MUCH FURTHER. HE
BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT THE GREEKS MIGHT NOT FAVOR THE IDEA
OF A TEST CASE JUST AS THE TURKS FEAR AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD
APPROACH WOULD REDUCE THEIR OWN ABILITY TO CONTROL THE
NEGOTIATIONS.

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2. PANSAs LIKED THE SUGGESTION THAT THE NADEES PROBLEM BE
MADE A TEST CASE, CALLING IT "THE VERY OBVIOUS CANDIDATE",
BUT HE ALSO SAW MERIT IN SELECTING GREEK PARTICIPATION IN
NATO EXERCISES FOR SUCH AN EFFORT.

3. PANSAs SAID HE STILL INTENDS TO CALL AN OEG MEETING IN

EARLY SEPTEMBER AND THAT HE WOULD REVIEW WITH TURKISH PERM-
REP KIRCA BEFORE KIRCA'S DEPARTURE FOR LEAVE THE STATE OF
PLAY INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF A TEST CASE, SHOULD
TURKEY'S POSITION ON THE BROADER APPROACH REMAIN UNCHANGED.

4. OTHER DELEGATIONS SUCH AS THE UK, FRG AND NETHERLANDS
WHICH WE HAVE APPROACHED SINCE RECEIPT OF REF B HAVE
UNIFORMLY EXPRESSED: A) CONCERN ABOUT AN IMPASSE IN THE
NEGOTIATIONS; B) A WILLINGNESS AT THE DELEGATION LEVEL
TO SEE THE NEGOTIATING PACE PICK UP IN SEPTEMBER; C) A
DEARTH OF IDEAS AS TO HOW TO BREAK THE PRESENT PROCEDURAL
LOGJAM; AND D) A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER A TEST CASE SHOULD
A MORE COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT APPEAR IMPOSSIBLE. FRG DELEGA-
TION OFFICER WITH WHOM WE TALKED PARTICULARLY STRESSED
BONN'S CONCERN THAT THE PRESENT SITUATION NOT BE ALLOWED
TO FETER INDEFINITELY. PEREZ

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